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President James E. Killian  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear President Killian:

I wish to express my appreciation for extending the leave of absence of Dr. Max Willikan for an additional six months of service with the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is realized that Dr. Willikan's services will continue to be missed by M. I. T., however, the importance of intelligence to the security of our country cannot be overemphasized.

Please accept my gratitude for your generous and patriotic act.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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